

and the final EIS is expected to be published October 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Dale Olson, District Ranger, Madison Ranger District, 5 Forest Service Road, Ennis, MT 59729. Comments may also be sent via email to [comments-northern-beaverhead-deerlodge@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-northern-beaverhead-deerlodge@fs.fed.us) or via facsimile to 406-682-4233. For all forms of comment, make sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, and a subject title of "Strawberry to Cascade AMPs."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dale Olson, District Ranger, Madison Ranger District, 5 Forest Service Road, Ennis, MT 59729. Phone: 406-682-4253. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose and Need for Action**

The purpose and need for this EIS is to revise grazing management, as necessary, on the Barnett, Black Butte, Coal Creek, Cottonwood, Fossil-Hellroaring, Lyon-Wolverine, Poison Basin, and Upper Ruby allotments sheep grazing portions to ensure consistency with all law, regulation and policy, including direction from the Rescissions Act of 1995 [Pub. L. 104-19]. Section 504(a) of the Rescissions Act; and, the 2004 Appropriations Act (P.L. 108-108) Section 325, require the Secretary of Agriculture to schedule when national forests will complete environmental analysis and documentation required under the National Environmental Policy Act for all grazing allotments.

**Proposed Action**

The proposed action would authorize domestic livestock (sheep) grazing on eight allotments and proposes no change to existing grazing management.

**Possible Alternatives**

A 'no grazing' alternative will be analyzed in detail in addition to the proposed action.

**Responsible Official**

The responsible official will be the Madison District Ranger.

**Nature of Decision To Be Made**

The decision to be made is whether or not to implement the proposed action, another alternative, or a combination of the alternatives.

**Preliminary Issues**

Issues of concern are the effects of domestic sheep grazing on the wild Bighorn Sheep populations found on the B-D NF. There is concern that domestic sheep grazing is a disease transmission risk to the wild Bighorn sheep. Additional issues will be identified through scoping.

**Scoping Process**

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments in a manner that are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered.

Dated: August 23, 2018.

**Chris French,**

*Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Notice of Proposed New Fee Sites; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act**

**AGENCY:** Huron-Manistee National Forests, USDA Forest Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed new fee sites.

**SUMMARY:** The Huron-Manistee National Forests proposes to charge fees at several campsites and special recreation areas. Fees range from \$5 per day to \$60 per day based on the level of amenities and services provided, cost of operations and maintenance, and market assessment. A new day use fee of \$5 per vehicle is proposed for Largo Springs Interpretive Site, McKinley Horse Trailhead, Luzerne Horse Trailhead, and Eagle Run Cross Country Ski Trailhead. New camping fees of \$10 per night are proposed for Red Bridge Access, Sulak Recreation Area, McKinley Horse Trail Campsites, Buttercup Backcountry Campsites, Cathedral Pines Backcountry Group

Campsite, Meadow Springs Backcountry Campsites, Bear Island Backcountry Campsites, River Dune Backcountry Campsites, Luzerne Horse Trail Campground, and Government Landing Access Campsites. New group campground fees of \$45 per night are proposed for the group sites at AuSable Loop Recreation Area Campground, Mack Lake ORV Campground, Kneff Lake Recreation Area, and Gabions Campground.

New group campground fee of \$60 per night is proposed for the group sites at McKinley Horse Trail Campground, Luzerne Horse Trail Campground, and River Road Horse Trail Camp.

Fees will be determined upon further analysis and public comment. An analysis of nearby campsites with similar amenities shows that the proposed fees are reasonable and typical of similar sites in the area. Funds from fees would be used for the continued operation and maintenance and improvements of these sites.

**DATES:** Comments will be accepted through September 28, 2018. New fees would begin May 2019, if approved.

**ADDRESSES:** Leslie M. Auriemmo, Forest Supervisor, Huron-Manistee National Forests, 1755 South Mitchell Street, Cadillac, MI 49601.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kristen Thrall, Recreation Program Manager, 231-775-2421. Information about proposed fee changes can also be found on the Huron-Manistee National Forests' website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/hmnf/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108-447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six-month advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established.

Once public involvement is complete, these new fees will be reviewed by a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee prior to a final decision and implementation.

Dated: August 28, 2018.

**Chris French,**

*Acting Deputy Chief, National Forest System.*

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